(b) whether it is a fact that the amount is less than that in previous years; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amounts to be allocated in both the said districts under the Yojana during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), the funds are released to District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) Zilla Parishads (APs). No funds are released directly to the blocks by the Central Government. 80% of the total funds were released to the Village Panchayats under JRY by the DRDAs/ZPs. However, from 1996-97, 15% of the funds are being release to block level Panchayats and 65% funds to Village Panchayats. The amount released by the Central Government under JRY to Vidisha and Raisen districts of Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96 and 1996-97 is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

District	1995-96	1996-97
Vidisha	193.34	111.70
Raisen	205.67	164.81

The short release during 1996-97 was due to unspent balance more than the prescribed limit, with the districts and non-release of State's share to the districts by the State Government.

(c) The tentative Central allocation made to both these districts during 1997-98 under JRY is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Vidisha	199.4
Raisen	212.13

Scarcity of Drinking Water in Uttar Pradesh

3441. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to solve acute scarcity of drinking water in Banda and other districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on such requests so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (d) Projects/ Schemes to solve acute scarcity of drinking water are approvd by the States under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) Calamity Relief fund and the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) under the powers delegated to them. However, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent projects to provide safe drinking water in the fluoride affected habitations of Banda, Ferozabad, Kanpur, Nagar and Jhansi Districts at an estimated cost of Rs. 1633.71 lakh. The State has been requested to modify the keeping inview the water quality characteristics and changed design parameter.

Rural Road Under MNP

3442. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) in the State sector

includes provision of pucca roads connecting villages;

(b) if so, the outlay for rural roads under MNP for Karnataka for the year 1996-97; and

(c) the number of villages in Karnataka connected by March, 1996 and those proposed to be connected by March, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Minimum Needs Programme in the State Sector includes provision of all weather roads connecting villages.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 47.79 crores has been earmarked by the Government of Karnataka under MNP (Rural Roads) for the year 1996-97.

(c) 6915 villages with population 100 and above are estimated to have been connected by March, 1996. The State had not indicated target for 1996-97 in their Plan Document for 1996-97 received in the Planning Commission.

Allocations under Ganga Kalyan Yojana

3443. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1446 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1997 and state:

(a) the details of provisions/allocations made for remaining period of 1996-97 and the current year and the State-wise amount of Central Versus State Governments funding to be shared under Ganga Kalyan Yojana; and

(b) whether the scheme would be implemented through the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) during the current year, indicating by when and whether it would be declared as an independent scheme and if so, by when;

(c) the details of target and funds released during the current year; and

(d) the details of progress made under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) This Ministry had made a provision of Rs. 90.00 crores as Central share during 1996-97 and a provision of Rs. 200.00 crores as Central share has been proposed during 1997-98 under Ganga Kalyan Yojana. Under the scheme, 80% funds are to be borne by the Central Government and 20% by the State Governments. A Statement showing Central allocation as well as the States' share under Ganga Kalyan Yojana for 1997-98 is enclosed.

(b) The Ganga Kalyan Yojana was implemented as a sub-scheme of IRDP during 1996-97. However, from 1997-98, it is being implemented as an independent scheme with separate budgetary allocation.

(c) Fixation of physical targets under Ganga Kalyan Yojana is not feasible because the scheme has two components i.e. individual and group projects, the number of each of these components would depend on various factors such as landholding pattern, social composition and availability of ground water.

(d) Since the Ganga Kalyan Yojana has been launched with effect from 1.2.1997 only, the State Governments are in the initial stages of its implementation and no progress report has as yet been received.